



Idaho High-level Waste and Facilities Disposition
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office

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Thomas L. Wichmann

DOE Idaho

ATTN: EIS Public Comment

Dear Mr. Wichmann,

30-1 [Thank you for holding the meeting in Jackson on
11.6 February 9th. It helped clarify a complex problem.]

[After reading and considering your information
I believe that the method of disposal should be

30-2 The Direct Cement Waste Option which would
11.6.2-b solidify the waste without moving it, but rather

(1) store in the stainless steel bins already placed 60 ft.
below ground and transport new liquid waste to WIPP.]

[Since INEEL will continue to operate for some years,
I think the alternative for closure should be

30-3 Closure to Landfill Standards in accordance with
11.6 states and federal requirements.] To summarize:

1. The Direct Cement Waste Option
2. Closure to Landfill Standards...

Sincerely,

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ON DRAFT EIS REGARDING
IDAHO HIGH LEVEL WASTE AND FACILITIES DISPOSITION
PASCO, WASHINGTON
FEBRUARY 24, 2000

The Tri-City Industrial Development Council (TRIDEC) is composed of over 350 dues paying individuals, organizations, and firms having an interest in the economic vitality and growth of the Tri-Cities area. We have been designated by the Department of Energy as the "one voice" spokesman for the Tri-Cities on economic development issues. We have a consistent record of interest in and support for the expeditious cleanup and restoration of the Hanford site and the utilization of site for economic diversification. We appreciate the opportunity to present the views of our organization on this draft EIS.

31-1 [The possible utilization of the Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant for the processing of high level
11.E(5) fuel processing wastes at Hanford could have a significant impact on the Hanford cleanup program.]

31-2 [Based on currently available preliminary information, the use of the Hanford
11.E(4) vitrification plant for processing and vitrification of the Idaho high level wastes would provide significant cost savings to the Department of Energy over other realistic alternatives.]

31-3 [The environmental impacts of this alternative appear to be equivalent or less than those of the other
11.E(4) alternatives.]

31-4 [However, this alternative has not been studied in sufficient depth to support a firm position for or
11.E(2) against this alternative at this time. If the use of the Hanford vitrification plant for the processing of the Idaho High Level Wastes is to be considered further a more detailed Environmental Impact Analysis of this alternative must be prepared and reviewed by the public including the State of Washington agencies having an interest in this subject.]

31-5 [In the preparations of this analysis there are several considerations which must be included in the evaluation.
11.E(2) • The Hanford Waste Vitrification Plant must be adequately funded, completed, and in full operation before any consideration can be given to the processing of off site wastes.]

31-7 [The processing of Idaho wastes cannot delay or interfere with the planned or accelerated
11.E(5) processing of Hanford wastes.]

31-8 [Consideration must be given to the impact that additions to the plant will have on local
11.E(2) governmental services, police, fire, roads, schools, etc.]

EXHIBIT #2
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February 24, 2000
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- 31-9
11.E(6) • Any offsite wastes which are processed or vitrified in the plant must be returned to the sender or to a national repository. Interim or permanent disposal of the wastes at Hanford is not acceptable.
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11.E(3) • Full funding for all transportation, processing, and storage costs must be provided as an added increment to Hanford Environmental Management funding.
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VIII.H(3) • Consideration must be given to local environmental impacts resulting from the transportation and processing of the Idaho wastes.
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VIII.H(3) • Offsite transportation corridor safety, environmental impacts, and traffic issues must be thoroughly reviewed in cooperation with local and tribal governments. Provision must be made to alleviate any additional costs which may be incurred by local and state government agencies.
- 31-13
11.E(3) We believe that these issues are reasonable requirements that provide a bottom line basis for evaluation at the importation of high level wastes to Hanford for processing and vitrification. In view of the potential significant savings from the Hanford alternative that would accrue to the Department as compared to other feasible alternatives, this alternative should be given a more comprehensive evaluation than is currently available.
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11.E(4)

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views on this subject.

Document 32, U.S. Department of Commerce (Susan B. Fruchter), Washington, D.C.
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Dear Ms. Borgstrom:

Enclosed are comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Boise, Idaho. We hope our comments can assist you. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to review this document.

Sincerely,

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Susan B. Fruchter
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Enclosure

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